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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I presume, Sir, that when these people went on a lightning strike (Sri P. Ramamurthi : ' No. '), certain people had to be employed in their place, and it is not possible to send them away and employ others."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" The question is not about people who have been dismissed because of any lightning strike. The question is about those workers who were dismissed because they were involved in what is known as the Tiruchi Conspiracy case. As it is now clearly proved that those workers were absolutely innocent, do the Government propose to see that the Municipality reinstate them all immediately with back pay for the period during which they were not in service? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Only 25 people were involved in the conspiracy case, and the rest are those who were dismissed on account of their going on strike."

Compensation to the families of the victims of the police firing in December 1952 in Nellore.

* 427 *Q.*—SRI B. SANKARAYYA (on behalf of Sri G. Yellamanda Reddi : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether the Government propose to give compensation to the families of the victims of the police firing in December 1952 in Nellore,

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Hon. Members are aware of the large-scale disturbances that occurred during the time referred to and the unfortunate need for the steps taken for putting down the disturbances."

" Although there is no liability to pay compensation to the families of persons affected on the occasion of the police firing for the maintenance of Law and Order, Government will consider the question of granting an ex-gratia payment if any deserving case is brought to their notice."

SRI K. GOVINDA RAO :—" Sir, will the Government extend the consideration to other places where similar firings have taken place, e.g., Anakapalle and Tadepalligudem? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I have answered the question in respect of all those cases."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—' Will the Government stop killing people by firing and thus avoid questions of compensation cropping up in this fashion? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" It is an insinuation against the Government."